(c) and (d) The Central Government has already issued instructions to the Food (Health) Authority of the States/U.T.s. who are responsible for implementation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act in their State/U.T. to keep a strict vigil on quality of milk and milk products and take necessary preventive action under the provisions of the PFA Act 1954 and Rules 1955 made thereunder.

Installation of thermal scanners at major airports

223. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of recent declaration of H1N1 virus as pandemic by World Health Organisation, the Union Government has decided to install thermal scanners at all the major airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of installation of thermal scanners at major airports, a large number of persons with H1N1 virus have been noticed; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that people coming from abroad are free from H1N1 virus?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The utility of thermal scanners to detect passengers with fever have been assessed and it has been decided to install four such units on a pilot basis at Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi.

(d) Arrangements have been made for entry screening of passengers at 22 international airports and five international checkpoints. Passengers from affected countries are subjected to temperature monitoring through digital/mercury thermometer. On being detected having fever, the passenger is subjected to medical examination. Suspect cases are isolated to identified health facilities. A part of the screening proforma is retained by the passenger that informs the passenger on further actions he has to follow in case he reports symptoms subsequently.

Availability of adequate medicines for swine flu treatment

224. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of swine flu, a contagious disease have been detected in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in the absence of any effective allopathic medicines or vaccine how patients are proposed to be treated;

(d) has Government approached experts of other systems of medicines for treatment of this disease; and